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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON REPORTED NATO MOU
CONCERNING NAVAL MISSILE

REFS: A. SECDEF 6765 DTG 160049Z DEC 76; B. USNATO 6869
DTG 151803Z DEC 76 (NOTAL); C. PARIS 37026 DTG 151631Z
DEC 76 (NOTAL) D. USNATO 6189 DTG 121415Z NOV 76 (NOTAL);
E. PARIS 36438 DTG 091647Z DEC 76

1. REF A, WHICH TRANSMITTED DOD POSITION ON SUBJECT MOU,
MAY BE DRAWN UPON BY ADDRESSEES IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES OR
DURING FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

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2. FOR PARIS: FOLLOWING ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS IN REF C.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED A COPY, WE UNDERSTAND
THAT THIS MOU INVOLVES A JOINT (US, UK, FRG, NORWAY,
FRANCE, NETHERLANDS) FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A NATO ANTI-
SURFACE SHIP MISSILE. THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY

FOR SOME TIME AND WERE DESCRIBED IN THE JANUARY 1976 DOD NUNN AMENDMENT (STANDARDIZATION) REPORT TO CONGRESS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: FOLLOW-ON ANTI-SURFACE SHIP MISSILE. THE US IS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING WITH ITS NATO ALLIES IN THE

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SECOND GENERATION FOLLOW-ON TO THE HARPOON SYSTEM WHICH CAN ACCEPT VARYING MODULES TO MEET DIFFERENT NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THE NEW MISSILE WILL HAVE A SUPERSONIC SPEED, A LOW ALTITUDE ATTACK PROFILE, AND WILL BE CAPABLE OF AIR, SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE LAUNCH. UNQUOTE. THE STUDY WILL LAST ABOUT 18 MONTHS WITH A DECISION ON FURTHER PROJECT DEFINITION TO FOLLOW.

3. THIS JOINT MOU WAS SCHEDULED FOR A 15 DECEMBER CONSUMMATION AND THAT DATE'S IMMINENCE WITHOUT A US DECISION TO PARTICIPATE EVIDENTLY PROMPTED THE QUERIES YOU REFERRED TO.

4. REGARDING YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, (A) THE INFORMATION ABOVE AND THAT CONTAINED REF A DESCRIBES WHAT IS GOING ON. (B) BEYOND RESPONDING TO ANY FUTURE QUERIES, WE SEE NO NEED FOR ACTION ON EMBASSY'S PART.

5. WE SEE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS SUBJECT AND ISSUE RAISED BY REF E.

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